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In Re Application of : December 27, 2006
V. Castelli, et al : Group Art No.: 2162
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time
for a period of one month to submit the Appeal Brief. The
period for response, which had been set to expire on
November 27, 2006, will now expire on December 27, 2006.
Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-
0510 in the amount of \$120.00 for the one month extension.

Respectfully submitted,
Castelli, et al

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